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in Biological Assays

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2008.

Please consider the amendments and remarks as indicated on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the present paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of the present paper.